

\*\*\*\*\*January 14, 2019\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 14, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum  
Vice Mayor Amy Speak  
Councilmember Bill Lusk  
Councilmember Susannah Murdock  
Councilmember Robert Spalding

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Phillip Noblett  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White  
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. Stacey Seals, Fire Chaplain, gave the invocation.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the December 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the December 28<sup>th</sup> worksession were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

### **Centennial Celebration Committee Update – Paul Hendricks**

Paul Hendricks, Mountain Orchard Path, spoke as the Chair of the Centennial Celebration Committee (CCC). He explained that the committee is focusing on Founders Week activities for April 4 through April 14, 2019. He said there will be a “kick-off” at the Alexian Inn, with refreshments, from 4-7 p.m. He asked the Council to provide information on whom to invite to the event.

Mr. Hendricks then continued to list other planned events, including the play *Deep Roots* to be performed at the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC), an open house of the Town facilities, a historic stroll through Olde Town, a picnic of hotdogs and hamburgers, a parade, a fireworks display, etc.

Mr. Hendricks said a website has been established ([signalmountain100.com](http://signalmountain100.com)) to keep interested parties informed of events. He said people are also asked to submit stories, photos and videos to the website.

Mr. Hendricks said the CCC will meet again on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and invited all interested parties to attend. He said they are still seeking volunteers.

### Citizen Comments

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience.

Charlie Gardner, Golf Drive, spoke for his brother Ellis Gardner, Stratford Way. He said his brother asked him to convey his support of the Signal Mountain Elementary Preservation Fund activities at the MACC.

Dun Monroe, Cherokee Lane, spoke in opposition to the Town of Signal Mountain working with the Red Bank Chamber of Commerce and the Small Cities Coalition.

Wanda Newman, Timberlinks Drive, asked the Town to put a traffic control device at the 5-way intersection near her home. She suggested yield signs or a round-about.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

### Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAELA FARMER AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S TREE BOARD."

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, AND THE PRINCIPAL AGENTS OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY PRESERVATION FUND, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR FUNDRAISING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS TO BENEFIT THE FORMER SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING."

Boyd Veal, Town Manager, explained that one of the main considerations in this type of arrangement is fundraising. He said that if the outside organization is going to raise funds and take donations for a specific purpose, that purpose should be authorized by the Town.

During discussions it was determined that there are two changes needed in paragraph 6 of the MOA. The first is to change Town Clerk to Town Recorder in the second line. The second revision is to change the acronym from SMPEF to SMEPF in the 6<sup>th</sup> line.

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution with the changes noted in the MOA. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO DONATE CERTAIN SURPLUS PROPERTY TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY PRESERVATION FUND, TO ASSIST IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE AND PRESERVE

THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS OF THE HISTORIC SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND, AS A RESULT, TO IMPROVE THE CIVIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY.”

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

4. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 0/100 (\$50,000.00) DOLLARS TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE ON SHOAL CREEK FALLS LANE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

5. “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LORETTA HOPPER AS THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, ON THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY/NORTH GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE.”

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

6. “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KYLE BRANNING AS PROXY FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S REPRESENTATIVE, LORETTA HOPPER, ON THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY/NORTH GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE.”

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

### **Ordinances**

1. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08, ENTITLED THE “FY 2018-2019 BUDGET ORDINANCE,” TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET YEAR.”

Vice Mayor Speek motioned to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the second reading.

2. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 11, CHAPTER 5 OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED “FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND MISSILES”.

Councilmember Spalding motioned to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

3. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 20, CHAPTER 5, ENTITLED "SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PARK REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES."

Councilmember Spalding motioned to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

4. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-101 OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE IN REFERENCE TO THE TIME AND PLACE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS."

Councilmember Lusk motioned to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

#### **Discussion**

- a. Town Attorney Selection. The Council held discussion regarding the methodology to be used to determine the attorney selection. They agreed to nominate their choices and to vote on those nominations.

Councilmember Spalding nominated James Exum, III. Vice Mayor Speek nominated Harry Cash. Mr. Cash was appointed with votes from Mayor Landrum, Vice Mayor Speek, Councilmember Lusk and Councilmember Murdock. Councilmember Spalding voted for James Exum, III.

- b. MACC – Plans Approval and Additional Requirements. Mr. Veal reminded the Council that they had expanded the improvements and renovations of the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) to include the back of the building. He said that the State Fire Marshall had made changes to the plans the Town submitted, mostly related to egress from the building. He said the Fire Marshall required a sidewalk from the rear of the cafeteria to the stairs in the alleyway, along with an ADA compliant egress from the cafeteria to the parking lot. This is to be accomplished by creating a hallway through a portion of the kitchen.

Mr. Veal said these changes were submitted to the contractor. He said there were savings identified in the elimination of the original fire wall separation between the front and back of the building and that the final cost is an additional \$28,000.00.

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to proceed with the change and for the Town Manager to bring a resolution to the next meeting. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

- c. Council Facility Project "Field Visits". The Council agreed to schedule field visits in the next 3 weeks. Mr. Veal will send the Council members a Doodle schedule.

**Other Business**

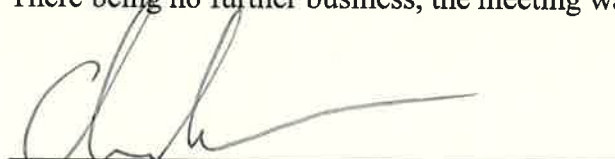
The Council thanked Phil Noblett, Town Attorney, for his services to the Town.

Mayor Landrum asked what information has been provided to the Municipal Technical Advisory Services (MTAS) for the water rate study. Mr. Veal replied that they have received the staffing information, the capital projects listing and the requested audits. Carol White, Finance Director/Recorder, said that customer information should be provided to MTAS within the next week.

Mayor Landrum informed the Council that he has been speaking with several persons regarding the Town's website and e-mail system. Following discussion, the Council agreed to have the Mayor proceed to investigate options for these services.

Councilmember Spalding asked about the possibility of having parking at a local church with shuttle service to the Centennial Celebration events. Mr. Veal said staff is working on that option.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Dan Landrum, Mayor  
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Recorder